Laws for checking environmental hazards

436. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the laws for checking environmental hazards are inadequate; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to make them upto date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) The following are proposed:

(1) General legislation on environmental protection.

(2) Legislation on hazardous substances control.

(3) Amendments to Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 *inter-alia* to provide powers for closure of plants posing imminent danger, stiffer penalties and giving right to private citizens to file complaints against offending industries.

Production of energy by atomic power projects

437. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what amount of energy is being produced in the country at present by atomic power projects; and

(b) what are the details of plans drawn up for the Seventh Five Year Plan period for increasing the production of energy through atomic power projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL) : (a) The three Atomic Power Stations at Tarapur in Maharashtra, Rawathbhatta in Rajasthan and Kalpakkam in Tamil Nadu are generating about 5000 million units of power per year.

(b) Narora Atomic Power Project consisting of two units of 235MW each is expected to be commissioned during the 7th five year plan period, Kakrapar Atomic Power Project which also consists of two units of 235 MWe each is expected to be commissioned by 1991-92. The work on two more stations of 2 x 235 MWe are being taken up at Kaiga in Karnataka and Rawatbhatta in Rajasthan.

Indo-Dutch Cooperation under Ganga Action Plan

438. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have identified areas for possible Indo-Dutch Cooperation in the implementation of schemes under Ganga Action Plan;

(b) if so, what are the names of the areas and cost of the project;

(c) whether there is any proposal to involve the public in Ganga Plan; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following projects have been identified:-

(1) Integral Sanitation project for Jajmau area, Kanpur, U. P.

(2) Sanitation Project at Mirzapur, U. P.

(3) Industrial Conselling for reduction of industrial pollution from selected industries.

(4) Strengthening of institutional capabilities and capacities through sharing of expertise and experience between Indian and Dutch Institutions.

The total cost of the projects is estimated to be about Rs. 27 crores.